

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JUNE 25, 2009 AT THE OLD TOWN SUB-STATION, 817 NO. MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Beth Carrigan, Chairman
Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairman
Evelyn Couturier, Commission Member
Janice Montgomery, Commission Member
Jake Gonzales, Commission Member
Max Brown, Commission Member
Dave Puzas, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

Guests Present

Bob Dickey, NACOG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF May 28, 2009

Commissioner Gonzales ask if the Commission did not approve of holding the future meetings at the Verde Valley Senior Center, and should that be in the minutes. After some discussion, it was agreed that the schedule for the Senior Center would be reviewed to see if there was a good time to hold the meetings there. Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Couturier seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AS TO OUR OPTIONS OF HAVING THE RESOURCE SPECIALIST POSITION FUNDED

The grant submitted by Elaine Bremner to United Way for funding the Resource Specialist was not approved. Chairman Carrigan ask if NACOG might have funding for the Resource Specialist. Commissioner Bremner stated there was no funding at this time. She is hoping she can extend Maryline Johnson's NACOG training so that she can continue assisting with matters that confront our Senior Citizens. There was some discussion as to how important a Resource Specialist is needed.

REVIEW OF THE LIST OF TOPICS OF INTEREST SUBMITTED AT THE MAY 8, 2009 OPEN HOUSE

Commissioner Montgomery had been very interested in the NACOG Weatherization Program presented by Bob Dickey. Mr. Dickey came to the meeting to help the Commissioners determine how they could help the citizens through the application process. They had discussed a workshop be held in order for the citizens to attend and receive help with their applications. Mr. Dickey stated that APS has agreed to issue a years usage report to anyone that requests it, since this information is needed for the

application. After some discussion, it was agreed that Tuesday, July 14th starting at 1 PM would be a good time to hold the workshop at the Senior Center. Commissioners Brown and Montgomery will meet with Mr. Dickey to update them on the application process, so that they can assist the citizens who attend. Mr. Dickey stated the program would also apply to complexes as long as 50% of the residents qualify. There is a nine month waiting period once the application is submitted. This program could be an ongoing project for the Senior Commission in reaching out to the citizens of our community. The program is based on income and not age. Commissioners Montgomery and Bremner will work together on a flyer for the workshop. Commissioner Bremner stated that citizens could call the Senior Center in advance and speak to Maryline Johnson to find out what information they will need to bring with them. Mr. Dickey will also attend the workshop.

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES, AND WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP

There was discussion about Verde River Days held the end of September. This would also be a good resource for distributing information about the NACOG Weatherization Program. Commissioners could have a table with information about the program.

PROVIDE INPUT ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Bremner advised the other Commissioners that she is checking into more information about holding an event regarding Elder Abuse.

The Senior Center will have a POW/MIA Soup Day on September 18th. Their Golf Tournament will be on October 3rd, and November will be their 30th anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Elaine Bremner, and seconded by Jake Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 P.M.